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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated March 25, 2004, the time for reply having been duly extended until September 27, 2004, (September 25, 2004 being a Saturday) by the attached petition, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments herein and reconsideration of the application in view of these amendments and the remarks below.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.